

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Meriwether County Pre-K's Reopening Plan is based on the information provided by the Department of Early Care and Learning. This plan is not intended to be an exhaustive or detailed list of expectations but will provide an overview of the anticipated guidance for school starting on August 24, 2020.

I know that many of you are nervous about whether to send your child(ren) to school in a few weeks. Meriwether County is committed to making school as SAFE as possible for not only your child(ren) but our staff as well. Along with the Superintendent and other Leaders in the school district, we have devised a "Re-Opening Plan" for our schools, students, and staff. As the Director of Pre-K, I can assure you that I have been in constant contact with the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) asking questions and talking with consultants so that our school district can make the BEST decision for OUR students and families.

The "Instructional Model" that we will be using in our 2020-2021 Pre-K classrooms at Unity Elementary and Mountain View Elementary will be the "TRADITIONAL" model (daily in-person instruction / five days a week). Under the circumstances of living in a rural community, with limited or no internet connection, it is impossible to offer "DISTANCE" learning and meet the requirements of DECAL as well as provide your child with the best learning experience. We understand that you as parents/guardians may have reservations about sending your child to school, but I want you to know that WE WILL take every precaution necessary to keep your child(ren) safe!



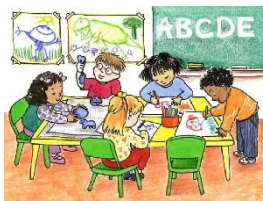

Attached are the **Pre-K Guidelines** that MCSS will follow along with additional information. If you have not registered your child for Pre-K, it is NOT TOO LATE! We hope you will **follow the link** below and complete a registration form – or – you may visit the elementary school to complete an application in person. Masks and temperature checks are required in all MCSS buildings, so please plan accordingly.





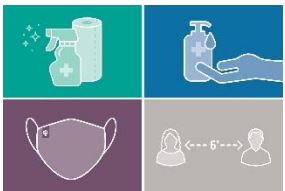
Thank you and we look forward to a working with you and your child(ren),

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## Meriwether County Schools 2020-2021 Pre-K Re-opening Guidelines

<p><b>Students Entering the Building</b></p> 	<p>Pre-K students that are entering from the bus zone will be met by a school staff member to walk them to their classroom.</p> <p>Pre-K students that enter the building from the front (car-rider) will be met in the office by a school staff member and escorted to their classroom.</p> <p>Temperature Checks will be conducted upon entry and throughout the school day as needed.</p>
<p><b>Visitors</b></p> 	<p>No visitors will be allowed in the buildings which includes parents, grandparents, family members.</p> <p>Fieldtrips will not be part of the instructional program this school year.</p>
<p><b>Classroom Setting</b></p> 	<p>Students will remain in their classroom setting (except for restroom time and outdoor time). They will stay with their classmates and teachers to avoid contact with others in the building.</p> <p>In the classroom, they will work in small groups and practice social distancing as much as possible. Students will remain in small group and individual activities / as well as one-on-one instruction with teachers.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to wear masks or face shields as much as possible. Proper hand washing and sanitizing will always be practiced.</p> <p>Teachers will utilize the outdoors as much as possible to allow students the chance to take masks off and get fresh air.</p> <p>Proper cleaning of classroom surfaces and materials will be conducted daily to mitigate the virus from physical contact.</p>
<p><b>Restrooms</b></p> 	<p>Small groups of children will visit the restrooms to minimize contact with other students. Proper handwashing and social distancing will be practiced.</p>

<p><b>Water Fountains</b></p> 	<p>Water Fountains will NOT be in use.</p> <p>Students are welcome to send disposable <u>bottled water</u>.</p>
<p><b>Meals</b></p> 	<p>All meals will be delivered to the classroom. Students will not eat in the school cafeteria to ensure that there is limited contact with others.</p>
<p><b>Outside Time</b></p> 	<p>Outdoor activities will provide students with opportunities for exercise and movement as well as learning experiences.</p> <p>Only one class of students will be allowed to play on the playground at the same time. Schedules will be made to ensure the safety of students.</p> <p>After outdoor activities, proper handwashing/sanitizing will occur to help students stay safe.</p>
<p><b>Communication</b></p> 	<p>Pre-K Communication will be delivered through various modes. There will NOT be any face-to-face conference / meetings this school year. Virtual meetings, phone calls, emails, and postings on the school website/social media sites will be used as well.</p> <p>Teachers will be sending home weekly newsletters to provide you with information about the weekly events, upcoming activities, and photos of your child(ren) so you can see them in action.</p>
<p><b>Safety Protocols</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The temperature of all staff and students will be taken upon entry each day to the school building.</li> <li>• Masks/Face shields are required (Pre-K will provide Face Shields)</li> <li>• Students will remain in their classroom to avoid contact with other students/staff in the building</li> <li>• Proper hand washing, sanitization and cleaning of the classroom will take place daily!</li> <li>• Social distancing in the classroom and outdoors will be followed much as possible</li> </ul>

**Link for Pre-K Registration:**

<https://www.mcssga.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PreK-Registration-Packet-2020-21-English.pdf>

<https://www.mcssga.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PreK-Registration-Packet-2020-21-Spanish.pdf>

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